



Re: RECOVER REBUILD REINVEST

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Official flood recovery news of
Cedar Rapids and Linn County

DO YOU NEED ANSWERS OR ASSISTANCE? DIAL 2-1-1

Let us help you find what you need.

DO YOU NEED A SHOWER?

Shower stations have been set up at the following locations:

VIOLA GIBSON SCHOOL
6101 Gibson Drive NE

WESTDALE MALL
2600 Edgewood Road SW

FORMER ECONOFOODS SITE
1880 51st Street NE

JANE BOYD COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT
943 14th Avenue SE

DO YOU NEED A RIDE?

If you need a ride to an emergency shelter or Disaster Recovery Center, call LIFTS at 319-892-5170.

DO YOU NEED TO TALK?

Go to any of these Disaster Recovery Centers:

WESTDALE MALL
2600 Edgewood Road SW

PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL
401 76th Avenue SW

FARM SERVICES LP GAS PLANT
Shellsburg Road & Blairs Ferry Road, Palo

SHELLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
210 West 21st Street, Vinton

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS?

Serve the City volunteers can help. Call 319-378-0337 to get help cleaning your home or business.

Free Child Care

Cedar Rapids First Assembly of God Church at 3233 Blairs Ferry Road NE (west of Sam's Club) is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for flood-affected families while they are working to clean their homes or businesses. This emergency child care center will accept newborns through 12-year-old children. When you drop off your child, please bring a piece of identification that verifies you live in a flood recovery area. The center will be closed on July 4th. This center is provided by Linn County, HACAP, area churches and the United Way of East Central Iowa.

Free Bus Rides

City bus service on Route 1 is back in service today, June 27th. Hourly service will be provided from 5:55 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. The rest of the bus routes are still running on a modified schedule. They will follow the original routes and times as much as possible. All bus rides are free until further notice.

FOR YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

Generators Need Room for Exhaust Fumes

Generators should not be placed near an entrance, window or air intake system of a home or business. These generators produce carbon monoxide exhaust. This odorless gas can cause:

- Lightheadedness
- Nausea
- Disorientation

If you or someone you know suffers from these symptoms, go to the emergency room immediately. This is a warning from the Linn County Department of Public Health.

Protect Yourself from Flood Sludge

When you clean out your home or business, wear a mask with a charcoal filter (N-95 rated), rubber boots, rubber gloves, long sleeve shirt and long pants. Be sure to change your mask every four hours. Do not expose children to the sludge left behind by floodwaters. If you need more masks, call 211. This reminder is provided by the Linn County Department of Public Health.

New Parking Rules

On even-numbered days, please park on the even side of the street. On odd-numbered days, please park on the odd side of the street. This will make room for garbage trucks to remove debris from streets in the flood-affected areas.

City Water Notice

There are no water restrictions in place at this time. The city's water is safe and clean for you to use.

Help Us to Help You.

SEPARATE TRASH

City trucks cannot take garbage piles that are not separated. Please separate your trash into these five piles:

- Garbage – including mattresses and furniture
- Hazardous Waste – including paint, solvents, cleaning solvents, herbicides, etc.
- Appliances – including TVs, computer monitors, tires
- Wood Debris – including press board
- Scrap Metal – All water-damaged carpet and padding should be bundled into 3-foot by 2-foot rolls.

FOLLOW THE CURFEW

Do not go out in the flood-affected areas of Cedar Rapids between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

DEBRIS REMOVAL FOR RURAL FLOOD VICTIMS

For rural Linn County residences with flood damage placards, the Secondary Road Department will remove flood-related debris each Friday in July beginning July 11th. Please place the debris in the public area of the road or ditch but do not block the road. The County cannot remove debris from private property. Be sure to separate flood debris into these five categories:

- Garbage – including mattresses and furniture
- Hazardous Waste – including paint, solvents, cleaning solvents, herbicides, etc.
- Appliances – including TVs, computer monitors, tires
- Wood Debris – including press board
- Scrap Metal

Farmers' Market Coupons Available

Witwer Senior Center participants may pick up Farmers' Market coupons at the Witwer Senior Center's temporary location at 1847 51st Street NE in Cedar Rapids. Call 319-398-3636 for more information.

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Important Numbers

FEMA

1-800-621-FEMA

Alliant Energy

1-800-255-4268

MidAmerican Energy

1-800-799-4443

American Red Cross

319-393-3500

Answers From the City

WILL MY HOUSE BE DEMOLISHED?

If your home is marked with a purple-colored tag, your home will be demolished at the city's expense. You will NOT have to pay for demolition. The Cedar Rapids City Council made this decision during a council meeting on June 25th.

WILL THE CITY BUY MY HOUSE?

At this point, the Cedar Rapids City Council is considering all the options for revitalizing the flood-affected areas. They have not made a decision on this issue yet but they have promised to do so soon.

WHY IS THERE A HOLD ON BUILDING PERMITS?

The city is still assessing the condition of all public and private property affected by the flood. We are concerned about the safety of residents and contractors in areas that may not be safe.

WHAT DO THE COLORED TAGS MEAN?

GREEN—Inspected and you can live there
YELLOW—Limited entry because the structure is damaged and safety is questionable
RED/PINK—Do not enter because there is serious, unsafe damage to the property
PURPLE—Dangerous, these properties will be demolished at the city's expense

MY HOUSE IS TAGGED YELLOW, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Contact a licensed contractor(s) to make repairs to your property. Then, a city inspector will check the completed work. Any contractor working in the flood-affected area must have a City-issued photo identification.

MY HOUSE IS TAGGED RED/PINK, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Contact a structural engineer or licensed architect to check your property. They will be able to help you find options for your property. The city's inspection staff made a notation on the tag about the specific dangers they found.

WILL ALLIANT ENERGY RECONNECT THE POWER IN MY FLOOD-DAMAGED HOUSE?

No. A state certified electrician must inspect your home before the power can be restored. You can find a list of certified electricians at www.alliantenergy.com or by calling 1-800-255-4268.

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